

**Remarks/Arguments**

Claims 17 – 20, 22 – 25, 28 – 33, 36 – 37 and 39 remain in this application. Claims 1 – 16, 21, 35, and 38 had been previously canceled. Claims 26, 27, and 34 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 40-47 have been added.

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campion et al. (U.S. Patent 6,201,917).

Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims obviate the rejection and request withdrawal of the rejection.

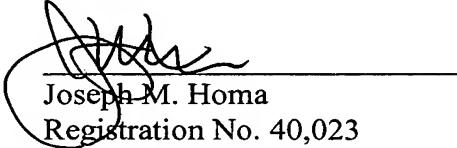
Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this request timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this request timely, and hereby authorize the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,

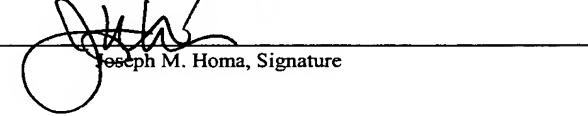
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